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- Miscellaneous information on Galati, listing changes in street names, locations of public institutions, and military objectives.
- A report on the city of Oradea which lists the transportation lines and contains a legend keyed to a large-scale map of the [REDACTED]
- A report on Oradea which lists street names, locations of public institutions, and gives the names of Party officials of the city.

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Subject: Legend to Town Plan of ORADEA.

1. PIATA 1 MAI - (formerly PIATA MIHAI VITEAZUL and NAGYPIAC TER).
2. STRADA Dr. I.C. PARHON - (formerly CALDA VICTORIEI and ARDOZS-VARI UT).
3. Present street name unknown - (formerly BAROSS UTCA).
4. STRADA EPISCOPUL GIORGHEA.
5. PIATA HUNGARESI.
6. CALDA REPUBLICII.
7. PIATA LIBERTATII.
8. Pedestrian Bridge - (formerly GARASOS HID).
9. LIBERTATII Bridge.
10. Narrow bridge.
11. 23 AUGUST Bridge (formerly BAROSS HID).
12. STRADA NAGY SANDOR JOZSEF.
13. STRADA KUMYARDI JANOS.
14. STRADA MIHAIL MOGALNICEANU.
15. STRADA DE IARIE CRISTELIA.
16. STRADA AVRA.
17. STRADA MARTIRILOR SI EVREILOR DEPORTATI.
18. STRADA ARMATA ROMANA. (formerly STRADA ...)

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19. PIATA MALINOVSKI.
20. PIATA STALIN.
21. STRADA TUDOR VLADIMIRESCU.
22. STRADA VISINSKI.
23. STRADA ELENA PAVEL.
24. STRADA PETRU GROZA.
25. STRADA CUZA VODA.
26. STRADA FUCHS MOZ.
27. STRADA MITROPOLITUL ALEXANDRU SAGUNA.
28. STRADA VASILE ALECSANDRI.
29. STRADA KOSSUTH LAJOS.
30. STRADA VULCAN.
31. PARCUL LENIN.
32. STRADA BRANNER BELA.
33. SPLAIUL GOLDES.
34. STRADA ARDELEANU.
35. STRADA GEORGHE COSEBUC.
36. STRADA MOSCOVEI.
37. STRADA JOZSEF ATILLA.
38. STRADA MIHAIL EMINESCU.
39. STRADA IDANOV.
40. SPLAIUL GOJDU.
41. STRADA 13 IULIE.

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43. STRADA HENRI MATHIAS.
44. Railway station.
45. Railway rolling stock repair shop.
46. STRADA SAMUEL NICOLAE.
47. STRADA CALVIN.
48. STRADA ROOSEVELT.
49. STRADA NICOLAE JICA.
50. STRADA CIMITIRULUI.
51. STRADA SABRICEI.
52. Art museum.
53. Railway workers technical school. (Former SECURITATE Building)
54. Former police barracks, now a school for Ministry of Interior Troops.
55. Railway workers' dispensary.
56. State hospital No.1.
57. Adults' dispensary.
58. Ear, nose and throat hospital, formerly a hospital of the BIZETIA religious sect.
59. Roman-Catholic church.
60. Military hospital.
61. Town, district and provincial SECURITATE offices.
62. State department store.
63. Post and telegraph office.
64. Telephone exchange. **SECRET**

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65. District executive council, town, district and provincial prosecutor's office, district court and prison.
66. Provincial executive council and ABAS insurance company.
67. State bank.
68. Rumanian-Soviet Friendship League (ARLUS).
69. STRADA HUBSCHENBERGER.
70. Offices of the Legal Aid Cooperative and the Lawyers Association.
71. Co-educational secondary school.
72. Town, district and provincial Militia offices.
73. Agricultural technical school.
74. PIATA BRAIAN.
75. P.B. Clinic.
76. Swimming pool.
77. Secondary school.
78. Hungarian church (previously included a monastery which was closed down).
79. State notary-public (Rumanian and Hungarian).
80. EPISCOPIA ORTODOXA ROMINA.
81. EPISCOPIA ROMANO-CATOLICA.
82. PARCUL PETOFI.
83. CALRA NATIUNILOR UNITE.
84. STRADA SZIGLIGETI ENDES.
85. INFRATIREA spare-parts factory.
86. STRADA DECEBAL. **SECRET**

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86. To the airfield.
87. Infantry barracks.
88. Frontier Guards officers' school.
89. SECURITATE school.
90. Frontier Guards barracks.
91. Town council.
92. SAINT LASZLO church.
93. Town and provincial court.
94. Provincial library.
95. Trade Unions, U.F.M. and Red Cross offices.
96. Former Greek Catholic church.
97. Orthodox church.
98. Former SAS Palace, now occupied by shops, offices, various cooperatives, apartments and a music school.
99. Lutheran church.
100. Secondary school.
101. Sanitary technical school.
102. Investment bank.
103. Provincial statistics office.
104. Savings bank (CEC).
105. PUSKIN Cinema (formerly AR).
106. TRANSILVANIA Cinema

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109. Printing works.
110. 1 MAI Cinema.
111. Alcohol distillery.
112. PETROI cultural club.
113. Branch of the town Militia.
114. RASARIUL Hotel (formerly SAS).
115. PASARUL Hotel (formerly PAS).
116. CRISUL REPAR Hotel (formerly REPAR) and public bath.
117. Fire brigade.
118. Power station.
119. RATA Station.
120. Provincial Party Committee.



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Subject: Miscellaneous Information on GALATI.

1. GALATI is a province town with a population of about 100,000 of whom more than 90 per cent are Rumanians. In 1940 it had the same population, but during World War II (especially during 1943-1944) many residents left the town for other places.

During the last years the population increased considerably, mainly due to the development of the existing industrial plants and the migration of villagers to GALATI, where they found employment either in industry or in Government institutions, especially in the Militia.

2. The following changes of street names are reported:

Former nameNew name

STRADA DOMNEASCA
(from the town centre
and up to the public park).

STRADA REPUBLICEI

STRADA DOMNEASCA
(from the public park).

BULEVARDUL REPUBLICEI

STRADA LAHOVARI

Not remembered.

STRADA POTI

STRADA PAVEL CACENCO

STRADA VICTOR MACRI

STRADA 23 AUGUST

STRADA CODREANU

STRADA VISINSKI

STRADA HOLBAN

STRADA MAREGAL TOLEBUCHIN

STRADA LASCAR CATARGIU

STRADA DOBROGEANU-GHEREA

Not remembered

STRADA 6 MARTE

STRADA MAVROPOL
(at one time STRADA GENERAL
BERTHELOT)

STRADA NICOLAE BALCESCU

STRADA MARE

STRADA MUNCII VOLUNTARE

STRADA PORULUI

STRADA 11 Iunie

STRADA ...

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STRADA ...

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Former Name

STRADA MIHAI BRAVUL

New Name

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STRADA GARII 50X1-HUM

CALEA PRUTULUI

STRADA MARESAI TOLEBUCHIN

STRADA TAKE IONESCU

STRADA GHEORGHE COSEBUC

3. The following locations of public institutions in GALATI are reported:

- a. The provincial council (SPATUL POPULAR REGIONAL) - in a two-storey building 50x60 m. in size (the former PALATUL ADMINISTRATIV) on the right-hand side of STRADA REPUBLICEI, coming from the town centre, past the crossing of this street and STRADA VISINSKI.
- b. The municipal council (SPATUL POPULAR ORASANESC) - in the former MIHAIL KOGALNICEANU secondary school, on the left-hand side of STRADA REPUBLICEI, coming from the town centre.
- c. The town law Court (TRIBUNULUL ORASANESC) - in a former private single-storey house about 20x30 m. in size, on STRADA REPUBLICEI, corner of STRADA MARESAI TOLEBUCHIN, on the left-hand side of the street coming from the harbour.
- d. The provincial law court - in a two-storey building 40x40 m. in size, on the left-hand side (coming from the harbour) of STRADA NICOLAE BALCESCU, corner of STRADA VISINSKI.
- e. Militia and SECURITATE provincial HQ's - in a new building about 500 m. from the corner of STRADA BRAILEI and STRADA BUCURESTII NOI, on the right-hand side of the former coming from the town centre. The building, constructed in 1956-1958, has two storeys and is about 100x100 m. in size. It has two entrances: the first, coming from the town centre, is to the SECURITATE and the second to the Militia. The office of the provincial Militia commander is on the first floor, room No.9 (no other details available).
- f. A mobile Militia inspection unit (AUTO-INSPECTIE) - in a former private single-storey house, about 30x50 m. in size, on the right-hand side of STRADA MIHAI BRAVUL, coming from the harbour.
- g. The provincial Party committee - in a two-storey building, 60x80 m. in size - formerly the Grand Hotel - on STRADA REPUBLICEI, between the streets ... This building ... and the city Party ...

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4. The following locations of military objectives in GALATI are reported:

- a. The officers' club (CASA OFITERILOR) - in the former CERCUL MILITAR building, a single-storey building, about 30x50 m. in size on STRADA VISINSKI.
- b. The military commissariat - on STRADA TRAIAN in the buildings which belonged to the former BATALION 3 VANATORI, and which now also houses an infantry unit (no additional details). The barracks of BATALIONUL 3 VANATORI was occupied by the Soviets, and when they evacuated the town, the a/m unit was transferred there.
- c. An artillery regiment - on STRADA TECUCIULUI - in the former REGIMENTUL 1 ROSIORI barracks. These too had been occupied by a Soviet military unit until 1958.
- d. The military factory in STRADA TRAIAN, corner of PIATA RIZSA, opposite STRADA NICOLAE BOLINTANU, houses until 1958 the barracks of a Soviet military unit. After the Soviet forces' withdrawal, a motorised infantry unit moved in (no additional details on the size of the unit). Apparently one wing of the barracks still houses a military factory (no details).
- e. Opposite the a/m buildings there is a vacant plot on which underground shelters were built in 1953-1955. They are of concrete and covered by an earth layer and next to them there is an AA Arty position (no additional details).
- f. The military airfield - at its old location in STRADA GHEORGHE COSEBUC, past the cemetery. The civil airfield was transferred next to the military installation and a building was erected there, 20x6 m. in size. Both airfields have concrete-surfaced runways and at the military installation an aircraft repair shop was built (no additional details).

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SECRET**Subject: Personalities in GRADEA,**

1. **BLANC, Victor:** Chairman of the provincial council since 1954/1955 (no additional details). 50X1-HUM
2. **PUSZTAL, Sándor:** [redacted] Chairman of the provincial council during 1950-1954. Now manager of a sausage factory. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
3. **KISS, Colonel Gyula (?)**: Provincial SECURITATE commander since about 1955. (no additional information available). 50X1-HUM
4. **FRIEDMAN, Isel Hersch:** [redacted] Served in the SECURITATE with the rank of Sergeant-Major (or Second Lieutenant) 50X1-HUM
[redacted]
5. **SERBAN (orig. name: SCHWARTZ), Locotenent smu:** [redacted]
Serves in the MILITIA since 1945/1946. [redacted]
6. **FELDMAN, smu:** [redacted] Prosecutor at the city law court since 1955-1956. A former worker.
7. **KOHN, Emil (?)**: [redacted] President of the provincial law court since 1956. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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Subject: Miscellaneous Information on ORADEA.

1. The majority of the inhabitants of ORADEA, which is a provincial centre, are Hungarians.
2. Following are details of the ten tram routes which serve the town:
 - a. Route 1 - Runs along CALEA REPUBLICII.
 - b. Route 2/3 From the VENETIA railway station, via PIATA MALINOVSKI to CALEA RAKOCZI (formerly ARADULUI) and returns by the same route.
 - c. Route 4 - From PIATA MALINOVSKI, via STRADA AVRAM IANCU, STRADA CUZA VOIA, STRADA FUCHS MOR, STRADA MIHAI KOGALNICEANU to STRADA DIMITRIE CANTEMIR and returns by the same route.
 - d. Route 5 - From CALEA ARMATA ROSIE to PIATA MALINOVSKI and returns by the same route.
 - e. Route 6 - From the former SZELES UTCA railway station, via CALEA RAKOCZI to the former VITEZ UTCA and returns by the same route.
 - f. Route 7 - From CALEA RAKOCZI to the IOSIA suburb and returns by the same route.
 - g. Route 8 - From PIATA SPALIN (by the State Theatre) to the former SZELES UTCA and returns by the same route.
 - h. Route 9 - From the railway station to EPISCOPIA BIFTORULIU and returns by the same route.
 - i. Route 10- (Summer only) From the state bank to the swimming pool.

3. Following are details of air routes from ORADEA:

- a. ORADEA - CLUJ - BUCHAREST.
- b. ORADEA - CLUJ - SIBIU - BUCHAREST.

The BUCHAREST - IARGHIS - ORADEA route has been

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SECRET**Subject: Town Information on ORADEA.**

1. **ORADEA is a province town of about 100,000 inhabitants. 60 per cent of the town's population are Hungarian. 35 per cent other nationalities.**

2. **Following are the names of the main streets (former names known):**

**CALF REPUBLICEI
STRADA FUGUS MOR
STRADA MIHAIL EMIRESCU
STRADA JOHAI MOR
STRADA CUZA VERA
PIATA I. V. STALEN
PARCUL LIBERTATE
PARCUL MUNCITORESC
STRADA GENOV
STRADA FUGER
STRADA BRANER DELA.**

3. **The following locations of public institutions in ORADEA are reported:**

- a. **The provincial, district and city Party committees - in the former Merchants' Union building, in PIATA I MAL. The building has two floors and is 25 by 25 m in size.**
- b. **The Red Cross building in PIATA MALINOVSKI houses some of the offices of the trade unions, ARLUS (the Rumania-USSR Friendship League) and UTM (the Communist Youth Organization).**
- c. **The municipal council, the provincial and the city law courts - in one building in PIATA MALINOVSKI.**

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- e. The provincial SECURITATE HQ - in the former Income Tax Office building (ADMINISTRATIA FINANCIARA) at No. 1 (or 2) STRADA JDANOV.
- f. The provincial Militia - in the former city law court building (CURTEA DE APEL), in PARCUL LIBERTATII.